# **Evolution of Massive Stars and Nucleosynthesis**

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# Overview

- A Brief History of Time Two Tales
- The Life of a Massive Star
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#### **Cosmic Dark Age**

Formation of Micro-Galaxy

The First Star within it

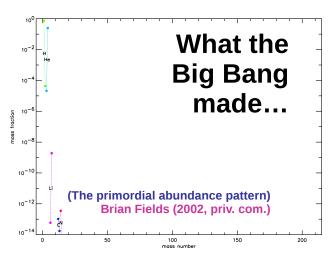
The First Supernova

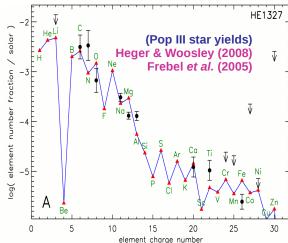
Hubble Deep Field

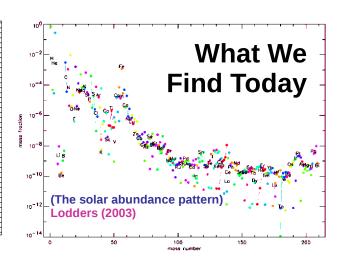
(after recombination)

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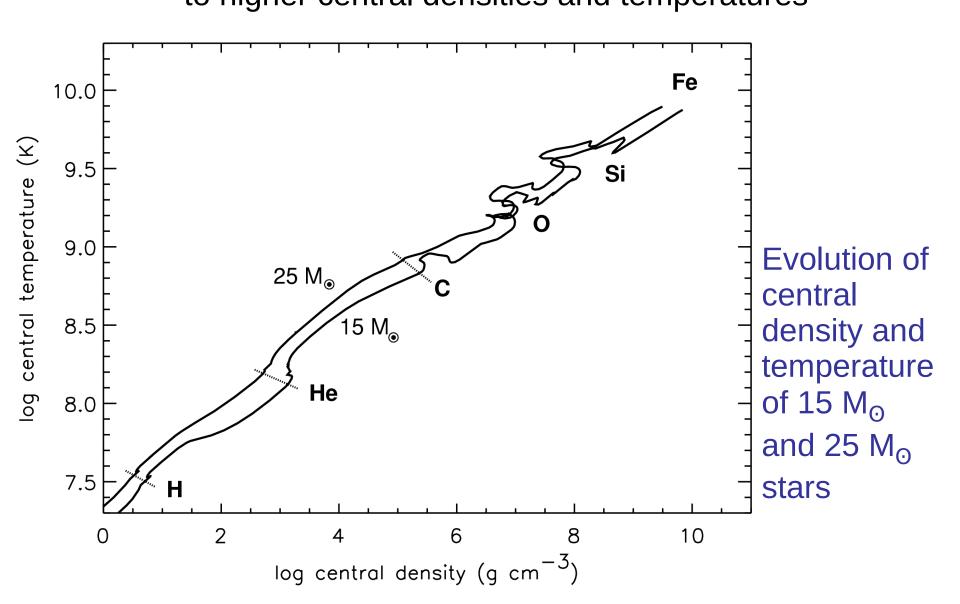
#### time







## Once formed, the evolution of a star is governed by gravity: continuing contraction to higher central densities and temperatures



#### Nuclear burning stages

Fuel	Main Product	Secondary Product	T (10 <sup>9</sup> K)	Time (yr)	Main Reaction
Н	He	<sup>14</sup> N	0.02	<b>10</b> <sup>7</sup>	4 H → <sup>CNO</sup> 4He
He 🖊	0, C	<sup>18</sup> O, <sup>22</sup> Ne s-process	0.2	<b>10</b> <sup>6</sup>	3 He <sup>4</sup> → $^{12}$ C $^{12}$ C(α,γ) $^{16}$ O
C	Ne, Mg	Na	8.0	<b>10</b> <sup>3</sup>	<sup>12</sup> C + <sup>12</sup> C
Ne	O, Mg	AI, P	1.5	3	$^{20}$ Ne( $\gamma$ , $\alpha$ ) $^{16}$ O $^{20}$ Ne( $\alpha$ , $\gamma$ ) $^{24}$ Mg
O	Si, S	CI, Ar, K, Ca	2.0	8.0	<sup>16</sup> O + <sup>16</sup> O
Si,S	Fe	Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Co, Ni	3.5	0.02	<sup>28</sup> Si(γ,α)

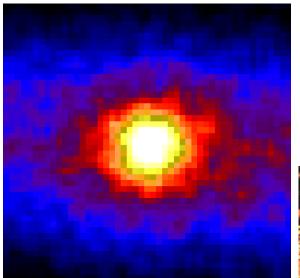
# Neutrino losses from electron/positron pair annihilation

- Important for carbon burning and beyond
- For T>10<sup>9</sup> K (about 100 keV), occasionally:

$$\begin{array}{c} \gamma \rightarrow \ e^+ + e^- \\ \text{and usually} \\ e^+ + e^- \rightarrow \ 2\gamma \\ \text{but sometimes} \\ e^+ + e^- \rightarrow \ \nu_{\overline{e}} + \nu_e \end{array}$$

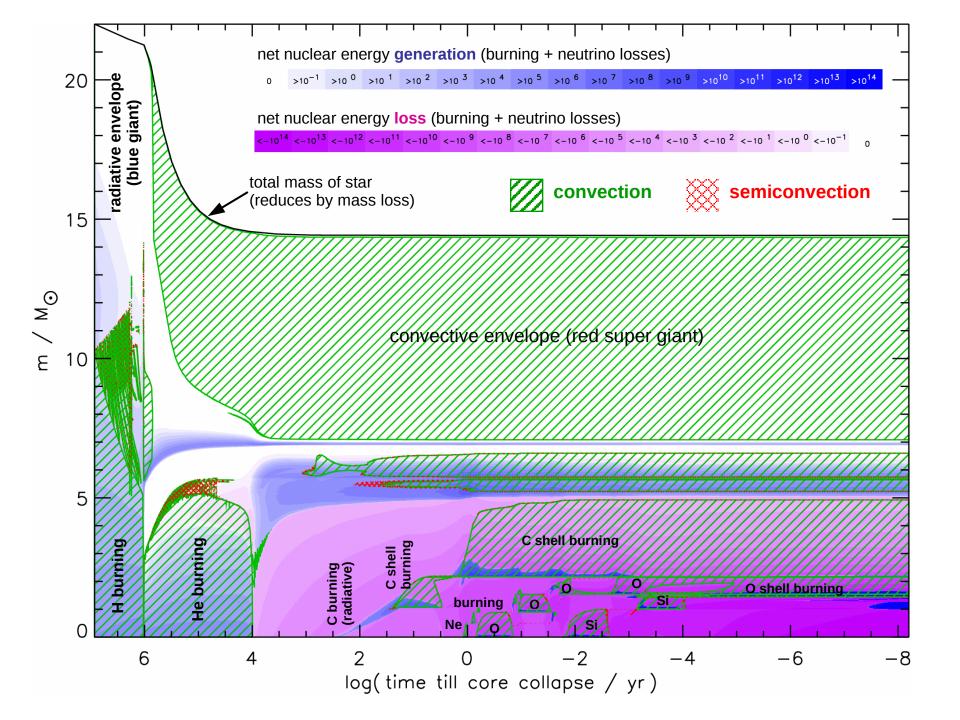
 The neutrinos exit the stars at the speed of light while the e<sup>+,</sup> e<sup>-</sup>, and the γ's all stay trapped.

- This is an important energy loss with  $\varepsilon_v \approx -10^{15} \, (\text{T}/10^9 \text{K})^9 \, \text{erg g}^{-1} \, \text{s}^{-1}$
- For carbon burning and beyond, each burning stage gives about the same energy per nucleon, thus the lifetime goes down as T-9



The sun as seen by Kamiokande





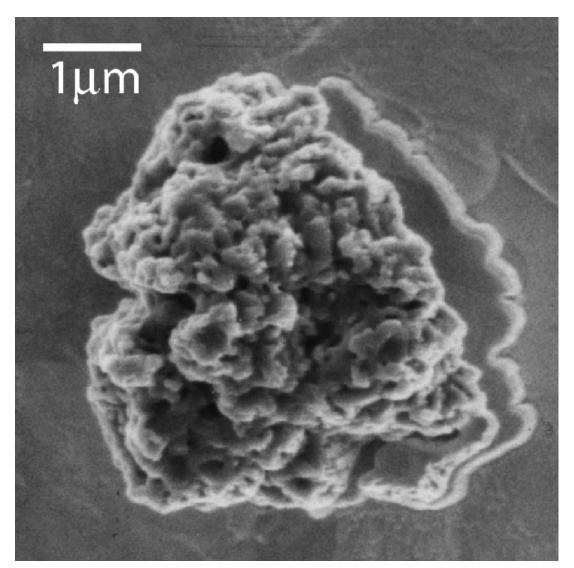
#### **Explosive Nucleosynthesis**

in supernovae from massive stars

Fuel	Main Product	Secondary Product	T (10 <sup>9</sup> K)	Time (s)	Main Reaction
Innermost ejecta	<i>r</i> -process	-	>10 Iow Y <sub>e</sub>	1	<b>(n,</b> γ), β <sup>-</sup>
Si, O	<sup>56</sup> Ni	iron group	>4	0.1	(α,γ)
0	Si, S	CI, Ar, K, Ca	3 - 4	1	<sup>16</sup> O + <sup>16</sup> O
O, Ne	O, Mg, Ne	Na, AI, P	2 - 3	5	$(\gamma,\alpha),(\alpha,\gamma)$
		p-process <sup>11</sup> B, <sup>19</sup> F, <sup>138</sup> La, <sup>180</sup> Ta	2 - 3	5	(γ <b>,n)</b>
		v-process		5	(v, v'), (v, e⁻)

#### **Presolar grains**

#### Direct access to pristine SN nucleosynthesis?

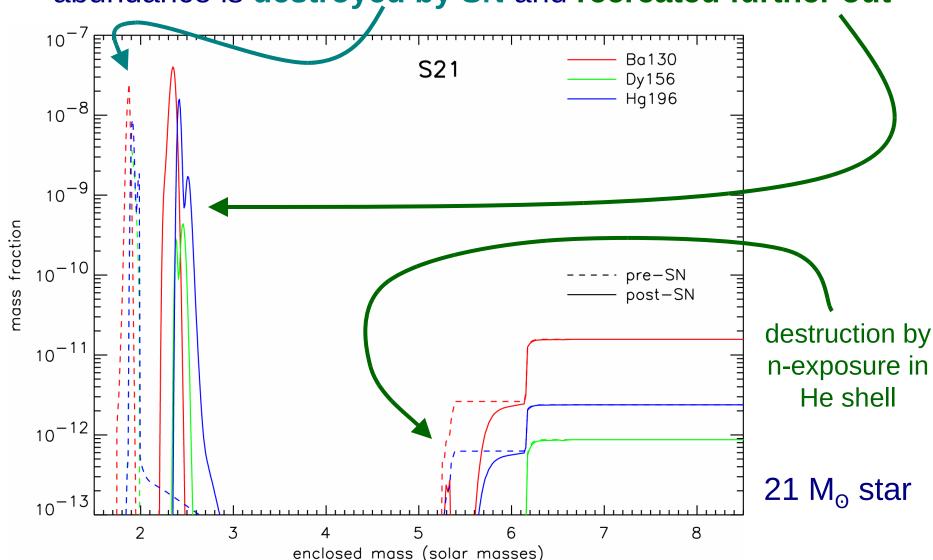


However: need to understand

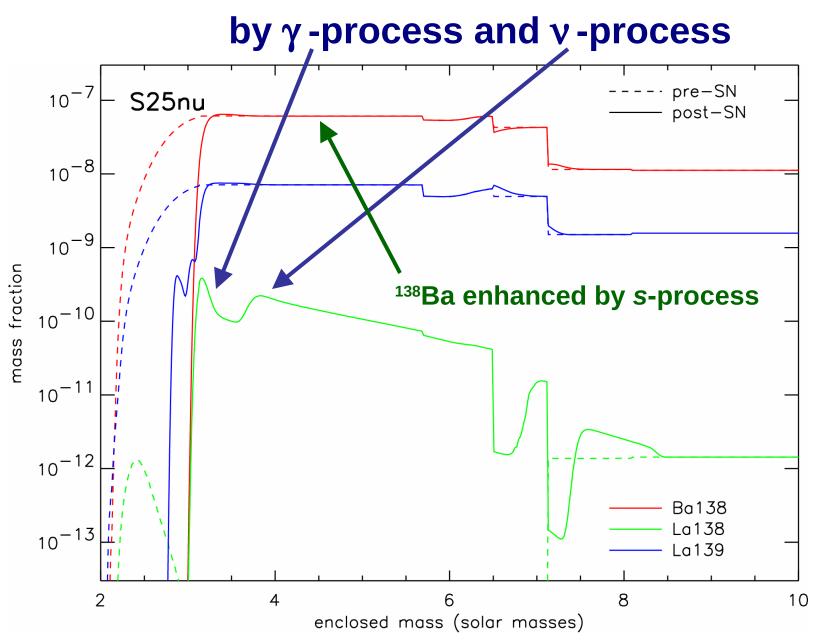
- chemistry
- condensation
- SN mixing
- implantation

#### "Relocation" of the γ-process

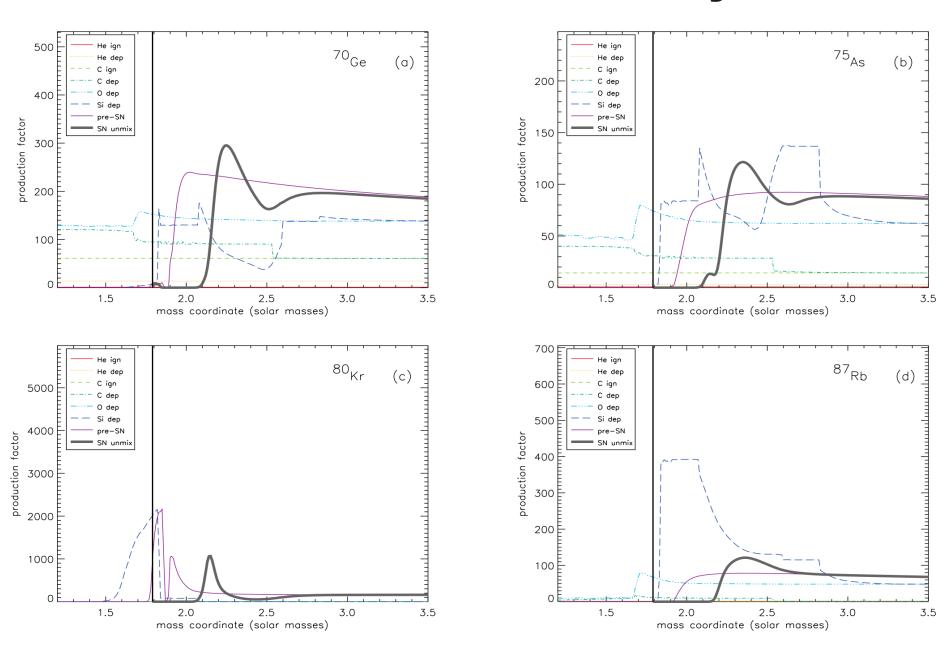
 $\gamma$ -process can be made in implosive O shell burning, but peak abundance is **destroyed by SN** and **recreated further out** 

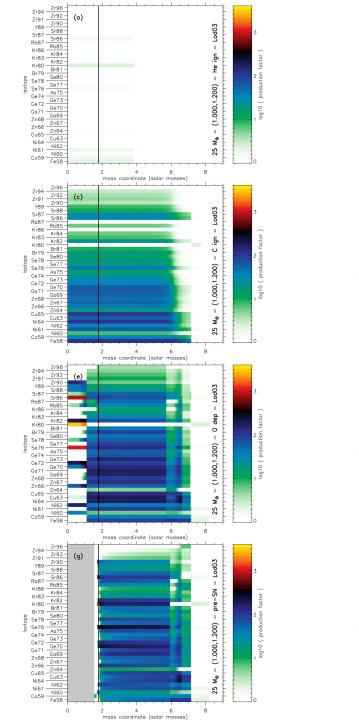


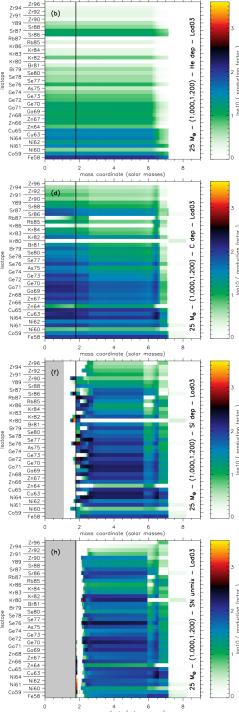
#### The Production of <sup>138</sup>La



#### 25 Solar Mass Star s-only Yields

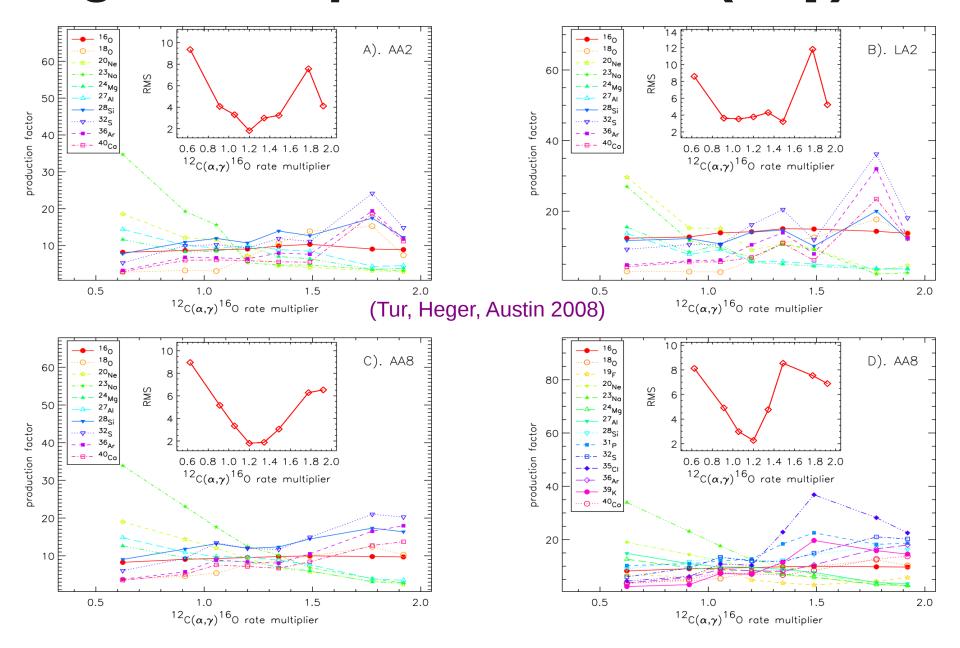




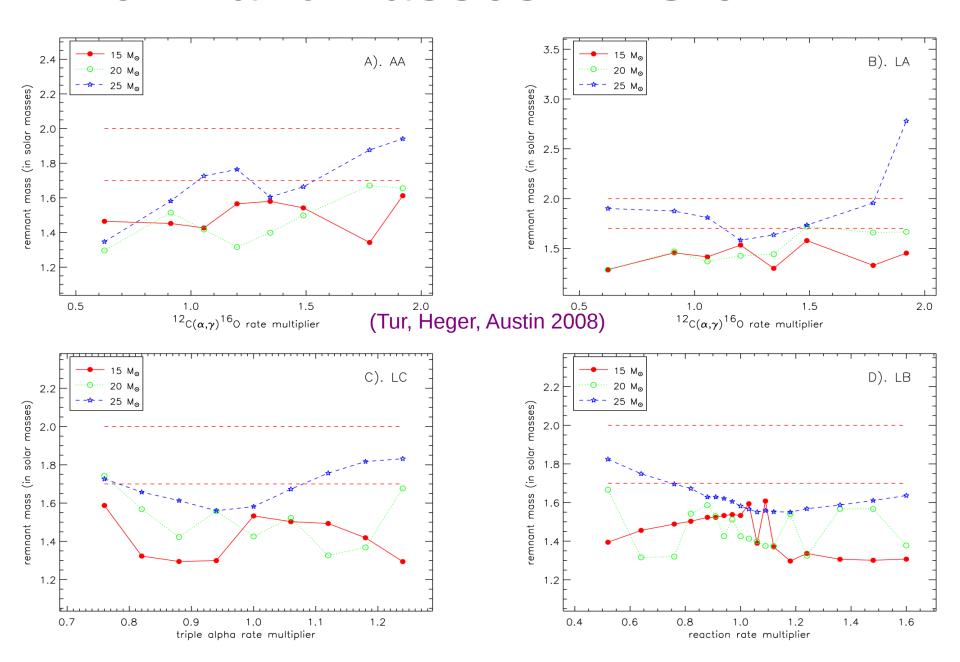


#### 25 solar mass star s-process yields for different evolution stages

#### Light Isotope Yields - $^{12}C(\alpha,\gamma)^{16}O$



#### Remnant Masses - NS or BH?

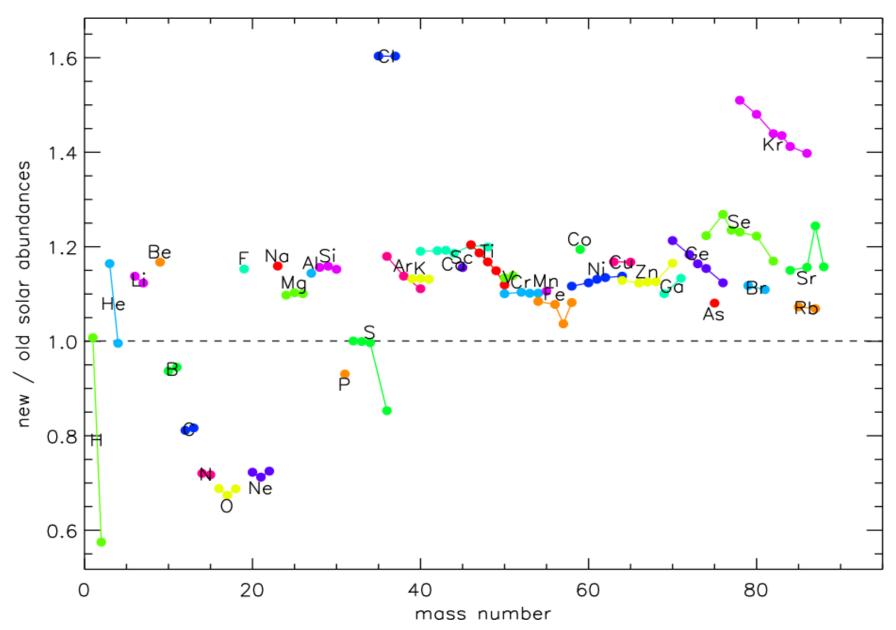


### GCE Application

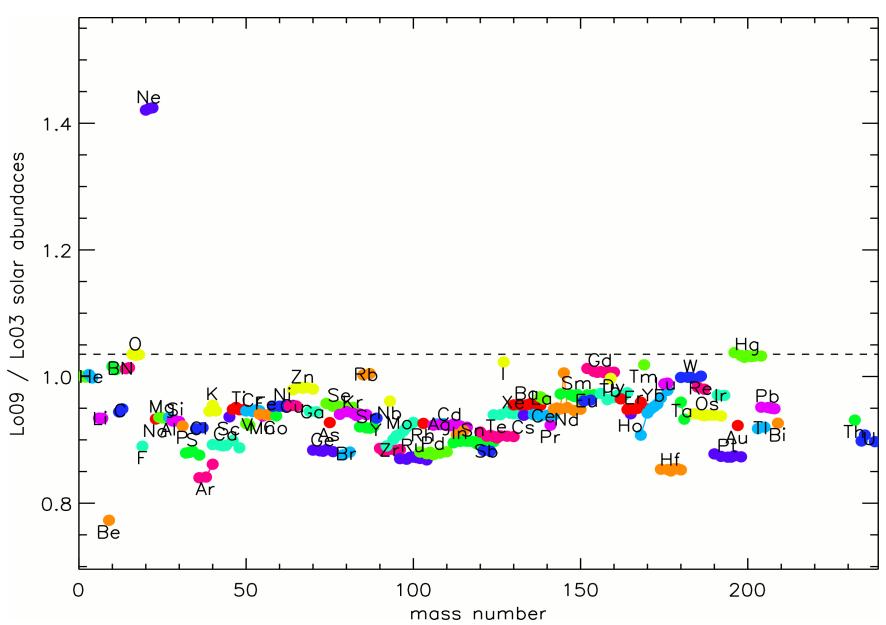
#### What input do we need for stellar models?

- Initial composition isotopes(!)
- Initial rotation, binary fraction and parameters
- Nuclear physics reaction rates, nuclear data
- Stellar physics "mixing", winds, binary evolution
- Supernova physics energies, asymmetries, mechanisms, neutrinos, ...
- Evolution of (isotopic) composition for different environments – star formation histories for dwarf galaxies vs. big ellipticals vs. spiral components, ...

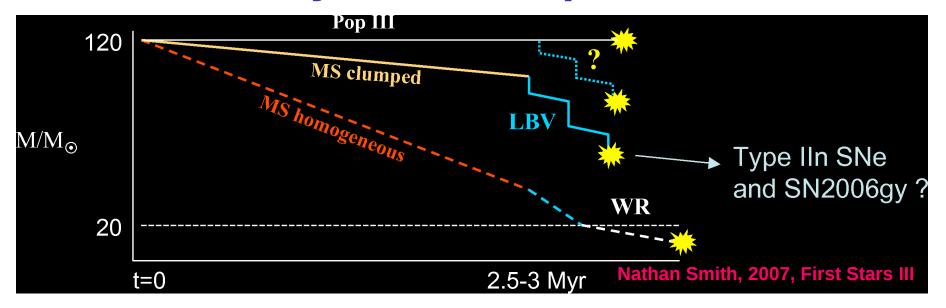
#### **Sun 2.0**

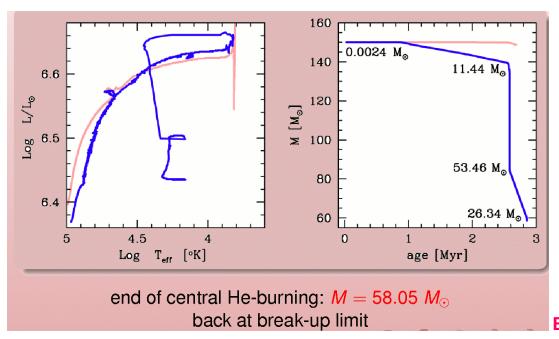


#### **Sun 3.0**



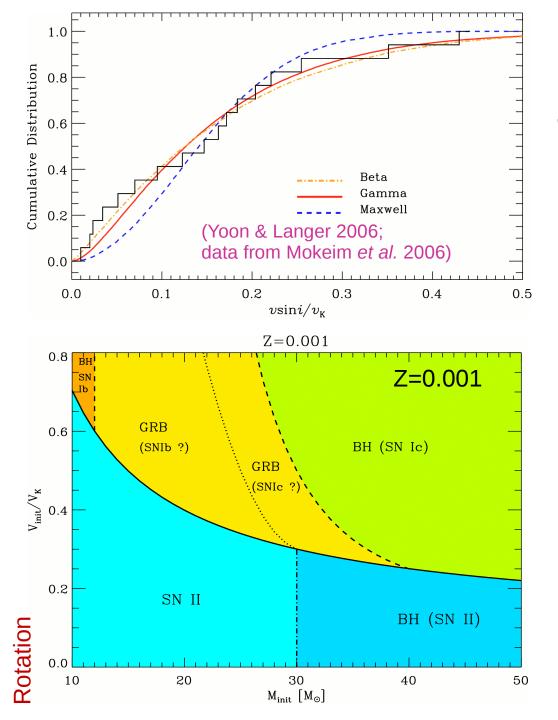
#### **Mass Loss by Giant eruptions?**





# Mass Loss due to critical rotation?

Eikstroem (2007)



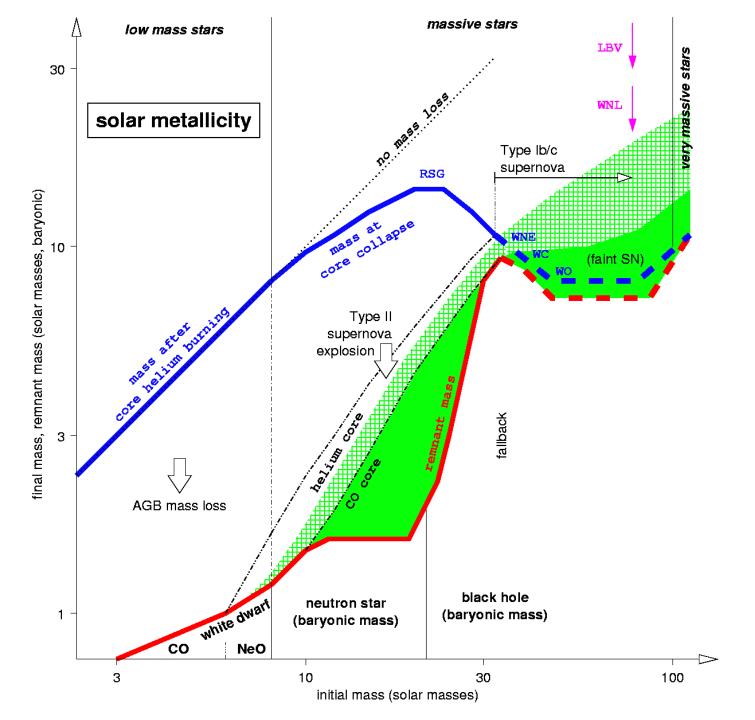
#### Black Holes and GRBs from Rotating Stars

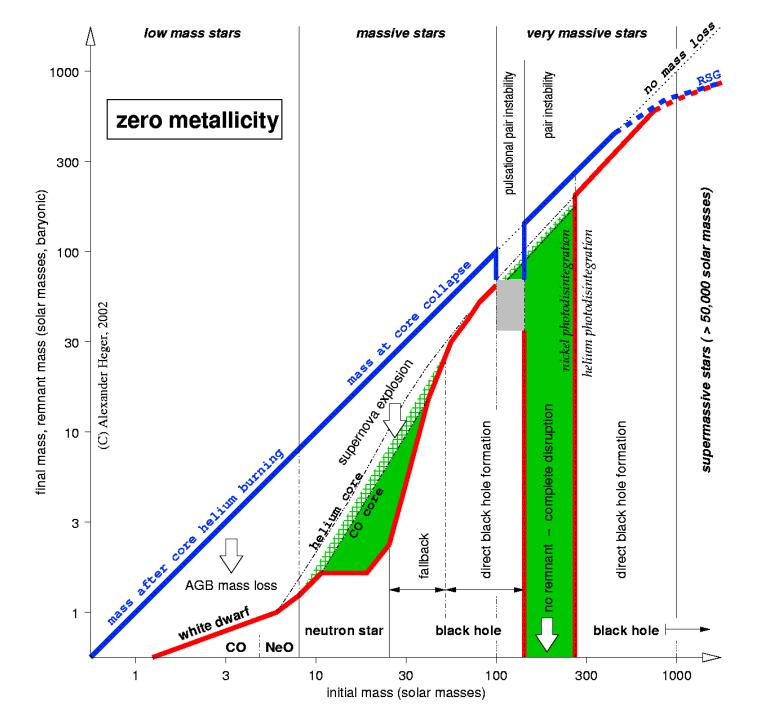
A small fraction of single stars is born rotating rapidly

The fastest rotators evolve chemically homogeneously, become WR stars on the MS, and may lose less angular momentum.

(Yoon & Langer 2006)

## **Massive Star Fates** as Function of Initial Mass (solar metallicity)





# metals"

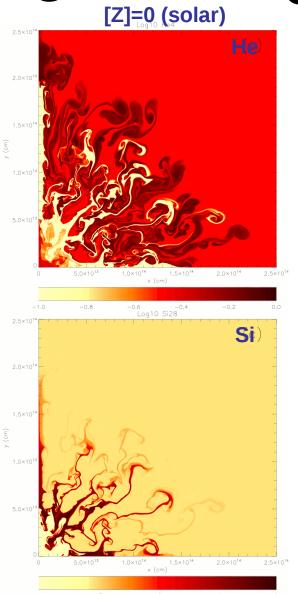
# Nucleosynthesis from Stars $10-100 \ M_{\odot}$

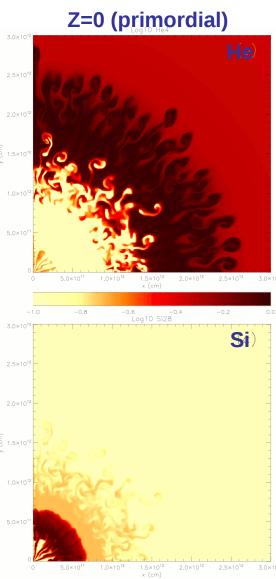
#### Mixing in 25 M<sub>o</sub> Stars

Growth of Rayleigh-Taylor instabilities

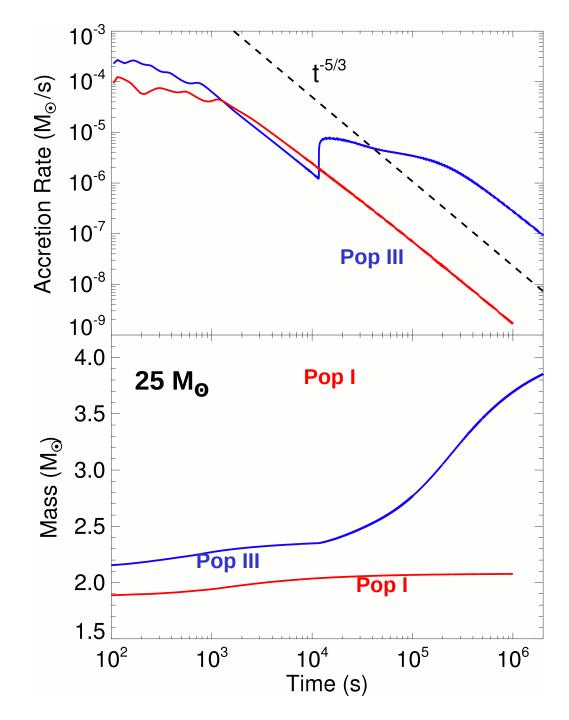
Interaction of instabilities (mixing) and fallback determines nucleosynthesis yields

→ Pop III stars show much less mixing than modern Pop I stars due to their compact hydrogen envelope





**Simulations: Candace Church (UCSC/LANL T-2)** 

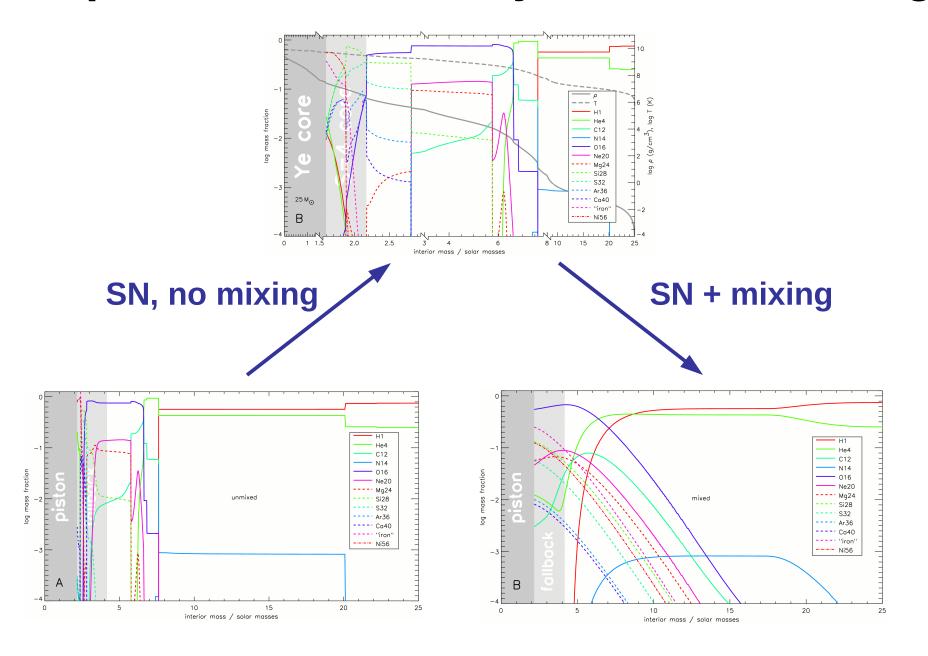


#### Fallback and Remnants

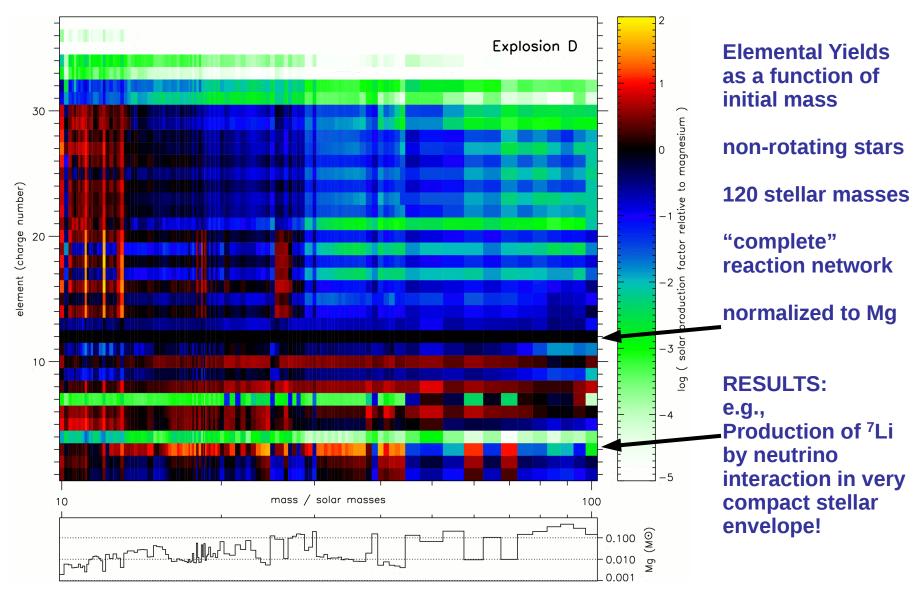
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(Zhang, Woosley, Heger 2007)

#### Supernovae, Nucleosynthesis, & Mixing



#### Pop III Nucleosynthesis

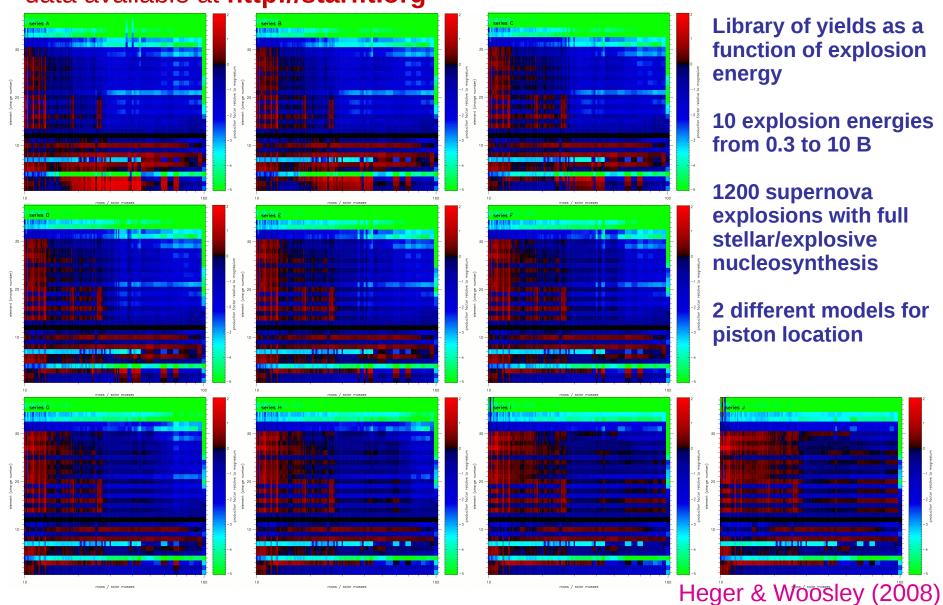


Mg yield (ejecta mass fraction)

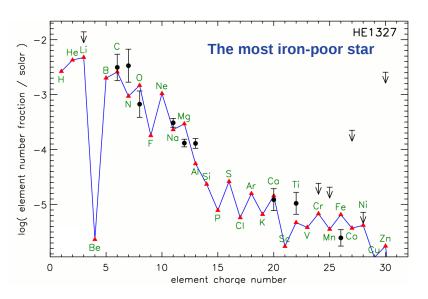
Heger & Woosley, in prep., (2010)

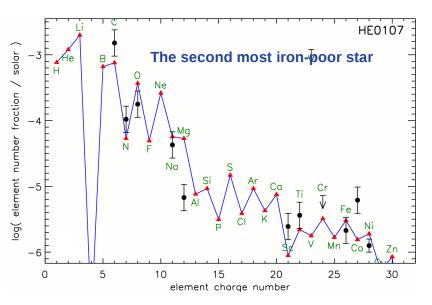
#### Pop III Nucleosynthesis Grid

data available at http://starfit.org

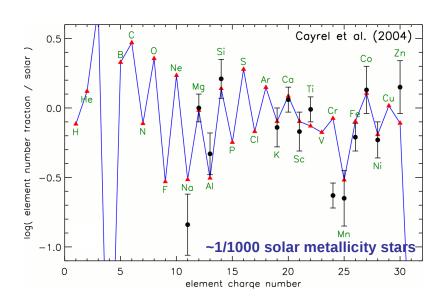


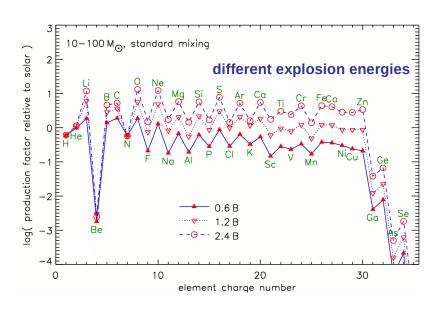
#### **Comparison to Observational Data**





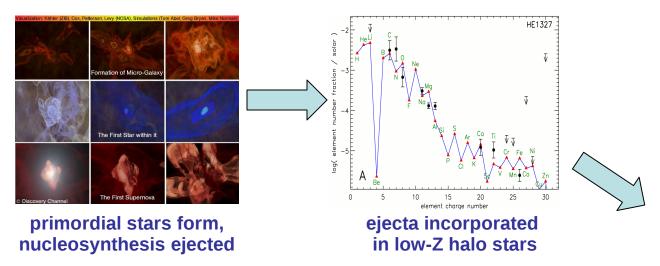
Heger & Woosley (2008)





#### Reconstruction of the IMF

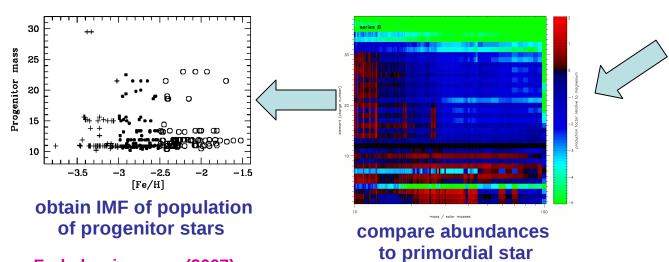
nucleosynthesis library



find low-Z halo stars (HERES, SEGUE, ...)



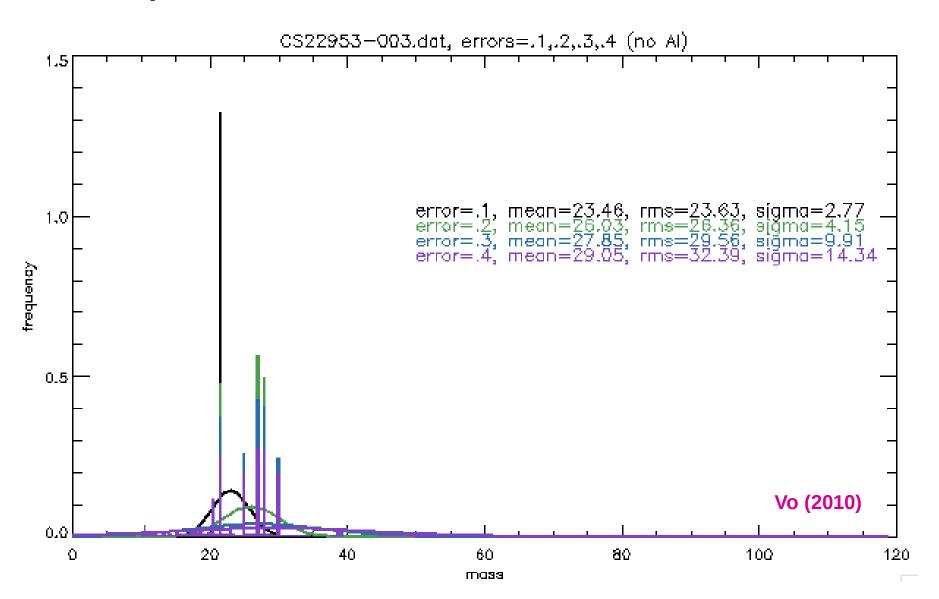
measure abundances (VLT, KECK, ...)



Frebel, priv. com. (2007)

#### Reconstruction of the IMF

Dependence on observational abundance errors



# Yield Data

- Data base format for yield data (stardb)
  isotopes, radioactivities, elemental molar, ...
  as function on input parameters
- Single star zonal outputs "user" can combine as needed (e.g., presolar grains)
- Fit (and plot) tools starfit (starfit.org)
- Observers: please provide data in log ε, better: mol fractions (mol/g)

# Summary

- Understanding stars and the origin of the elements requires input from many filed of physics
- Stellar nucleosynthesis requires detailed and complete stellar models from formation though death and explosion
- CCE models require integration of environment and stellar models
- Useful constraints require on CCE detailed and accurate abundance measurements